

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend paragraph [0002] beginning at line 9 of page 1 in the following manner.

[0002] Guide wires are used to guide a catheter in treatment of ~~cites~~ sites at which open surgeries are difficult or which require minimally invasiveness to the body, for example, PTCA (Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty), or in examination such as cardio-angiography. A guide wire used in the PTCA procedure is inserted, with the distal end projecting from the distal end of a balloon catheter, into the vicinity of a target angiostenosis portion together with the balloon catheter, and is operated to guide the distal end portion of the balloon catheter to the target angiostenosis portion.

Kindly amend paragraph [0074] beginning at line 14 of page 16 in the following manner.

[0074] In the guide wire 1, the first wire 2 and second wire ~~[[2]]~~ 3 are joined to each other by welding. A welded portion (joining portion) 14 between the first wire 2 and the second wire 3 has a high joining strength, thereby allowing the guide wire 1 to certainly transmit a torsional torque or pushing force from the second wire 3 to the first wire 2.